

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
Planning and Development Services Department
MEMORANDUM

TO: PDSD Associates

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FILE: Code Interpretation Manual

*******THIS CODE INTERPRETATION IS AN UPDATE OF CI2005-001 DUE TO THE
UPDATED BUILDING CODES ADOPTED BY COSA*******

INTERPRETATION NUMBER: CI2010-001

TITLE: Fences/Barriers for one- and two-family dwelling swimming pools

CODE EDITION: 2009 *International Residential Code* (IRC) as amended by COSA

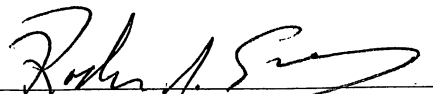
SECTION: Appendix G, Section AG105

PURPOSE: To clarify if a fence or other protective barrier/enclosure is required to be installed when constructing a swimming pool that is accessory to a one- or two-family dwelling.

QUESTION: When constructing a swimming pool as an accessory to a one- or two-family dwelling (e.g., private residential swimming pool), is a fence or other type of protective barrier/enclosure required by code?

ANSWER: Yes. Appendix G of the 2009 *IRC* was specifically adopted by the City of San Antonio and states in Section AG105 that residential swimming pools are required to be provided with a protective barrier intended to provide protection against potential drownings and near drownings by restricting access to swimming pools, spas and hot tubs. Section AG105 provides minimum design requirements for the protective barrier.

NOTE: Public and semipublic swimming pools must comply with the 2009 *International Building Code* and City's Health Code. Please refer to PDSD's **Information Bulletin 170** for information on permitting of residential, public and semipublic swimming pools.



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